

**Rhode Island Medicaid**  
**834 - Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance**  
**General Information**

The HIPAA 834 transaction is used by the Rhode Island Medicaid two ways - to transmit daily enrollment data (additions, changes in capitation code, changes in Medicaid ID, address changes, and deletions), and to transmit monthly roster data. The dual use of this transaction is made possible by indicating "2" for Update or "4" for Verify on BGN08-Action Code.	
The 834 Update interchange replaces the pre-HIPAA daily MCKR500 and weekly REKR350 reports/datasets. Data is sequenced as follows - adds, deletions, changes. Change data will consist of capitation code, Medicaid Id, and address changes. Address changes, which used to be transmitted separately via the weekly REKR350, will appear at the bottom of the file.	
The 834 Verify interchange replaces the pre-HIPAA monthly MCKR600 and MCKR610 reports/datasets. Loop 2320-Coordination of Benefits will contain details of other insurance only if other insurance data has changed since the last capitation cycle.	
Each insured member is flagged as a subscriber. Insured members from the same family plan are linked using head-of-household information mapped to Loop 2100G-Responsible Person. PCP Name and Number are concatenated on NM103 of Loop 2310-Provider Information. Aid Category and Alien Status Codes are no longer supported.	
Below are descriptions for columns on the companion guide:	
Loop ID	Implementation Guide Loop ID
Segment ID	Implementation Guide Segment ID
Data Element	Implementation Guide Data Element
Reference Description	Implementation Guide Reference Description
HIPAA Guide Name	Implementation Guide Data Element Name
Page #	Implementation Guide Page Number
HIPAA Usage	Implementation Guide indicators - for example, "R" for Required, "S" for Situational
Medicaid Note	"Y" indicates that there is a specific instruction or limited values for RI Medicaid transactions.
	"N" indicates that there are no RI-specific instructions and the trading partner must use the HIPAA Implementation Guide instructions.
	"X" indicates that RI Medicaid does not expect to send the Loop, Segment, or Data Element.
Medicaid Instruction	Information specific to RI Medicaid.
RI Medicaid uses the following delimiters on the 834 transaction:	
Data element separator "***"	
Segment terminator "~"	